

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on February 24, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

As a result of the Amendment submitted on October 12, 2004, claims 1-9, 11-16, 18-23 and 25-26 are presently pending in this application. In this Amendment, claims 2 and 26 are cancelled without prejudice or waiver, and claims 1, 9, 16, and 21 are amended.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication in the Office Action that claims 9 and 11-15 are allowed, and that claims 2, 5 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations their respective base claims and any intervening claims. In this Amendment, claim 1 is rewritten to incorporate the limitations previously recited in claim 2, and claim 21 is rewritten to incorporate the limitations previously recited in claim 26, thereby making each of independent claims 1 and 21 allowable. Since claims 3-8, 22, 23 and 25 each depend from a claim that has been indicated as allowable if rewritten, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3-8, 22, 23 and 25 are now also in condition for allowance.

In the Action, claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 16, 18, 21-23 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kim, US Patent No. 5,966,436. Claims 6, 7, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Kim in view of well-known prior art. In view of the amendment herein of independent claims 1 and 21 to incorporate the limitations of allowable claims 2 and 26, respectively, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 21-23 and 25 are moot.

With regard to independent claim 16, an amendment is made herein to the claim further specifying a step of "increasing an index value and storing the index value in a third memory when the dial key signal of the dial device is inputted." This added feature is based on the original specification, and thus no new matter is added.

Kim teaches a redialing method, wherein the telephone number digits in the corresponding time intervals between the consecutive digits are retrieved from the same storage, and the telephone number is dialed according to the previously measured time intervals between consecutive digits (see Abstract). The processing of the dial key signal, corresponding time value, and corresponding index value recited in claim 16 are not disclosed in Kim.

For the foregoing reasons, is respectfully submitted that claim 16 patentably distinguishes over the applied art, and that the rejections of claim 16, as well as claims 18-20, which depend therefrom, should be withdrawn.

In summary, amendments are made to independent claims 1, 16, and 21 to further distinguish over the applied prior art. The present invention is able to perform different procedures depending on the connection status of the dial device as indicated by label values, and to maintain and utilize a plurality of dial records to perform redialing by index values. The above-mentioned benefit cannot be obtained by the cited prior art.

Please note that although independent claim 9 was allowed in the Office Action, it is amended herein to correct clerical errors made in previous amendments that resulted in words or phrases being unnecessarily repeated. It is respectfully submitted that the changes do not affect the allowability of claim 9, or the claims that depend from it.

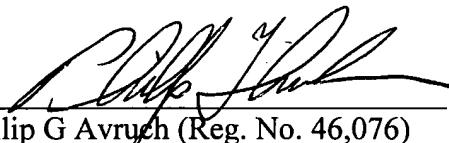
Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Notice of allowance, and forwarding of the application to issue, with claims 1, 3-9, 11-16, 18-23 and 25, is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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